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Murphy died of natural causes, coroner savs

DEATH A Los Angeles County coroner's official says it appears actress Brittany Murphy died of natural causes.

Čedars-Sinai Medical Center spokeswoman Sally Stewart said Murphy was pronounced dead at 10:04 a.m. yesterday. Murphy was transported to the hospital after the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a



Brittany Murphy

call at 8 a.m. at the home Murphy shared with her husband, British screenwriter Simon Monjack, in the Hollywood Hills.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said the cause of Murphy's death "appears to be natural."

He said Murphy apparently collapsed in the bathroom yesterday morning, and authorities are looking into her medical history.

Winter said Murphy's family is co-operating with the coroner's investigation.

Murphy starred in such films as Clueless, 8 Mile, and Don't Say a Word.

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Holidays Joyous voices

Friends Sarah Picard, Nigel Walker, Leah Chisholm and Corey Tomicic, left to right, share the spirit of the season with some Christmas carols in the ByWard Market yesterday afternoon. Yesterday marked the last official day for carollers in the market.

Frosty message

Grits freeze MPP salaries, expect others to do same

The Liberal government is "trying to lead by example" with a freeze on MPPs' pay that other public sector employers should also consider imposing, says Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Dalton McGuinty.
Striking a note from one of his political heroes, former U.S. president John F. Kennedy, McGuinty issued a clarion call for sacrifices for the greater goal.

for the greater good.
"Ask not what your provincial government can impose on you; ask what as a member of the public sector you can bring to the table," the premier said Friday in Ottawa.

"In some ways, those of us within the public sector have been sheltered from the full ravages of this private-sector recession."

The premier, who last week was also musing about selling off Crown assets such as the troubled "Ask not what your provincial government can impose on you; ask what as a member of the public sector you can bring to the table."

Premier Dalton McGuinty

Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp., declined to specify what belt-tightening measures would be in Finance Minister Dwight Duncan's March budget.

But he did signal he expects hospitals, school boards, colleges and universities and municipalities to closely watch what his administration is doing.

"We're trying to lead by example. We have frozen our pay," said McGuinty.

"We've made a commitment to reduce the size of our public service by five per cent," he said, referring to the plan outlined in last March's budget to cut jobs through attrition and retirements.

"I think that's pretty significant and as I've said to all folks who find themselves working within the public sector ... I think we all have to ask ourselves what can we do given our times to make sure that we can manage?"

With Ontario's record \$24.7-billion budget deficit, McGuinty is struggling to determine where cuts can be made in a province that has been hurt by the worldwide recession. He has rejected "Dalton Days" — unpaid

furloughs for civil servants — but many other options remain on the table.

"It means that folks running our hospitals, folks running our cities, folks running our school boards all have a responsibility to come together, sit down and find ways to deal with it," he said.

Sources have told the Toronto Star the Liberals are considering across-theboard cuts to every area except health and education.

However, about \$62.6 billion of the projected \$113.7-billion budget — or 55 per cent — funds hospitals, clinics, schools, colleges and universities. That means even an unlikely 10 per cent cut in the remaining \$51.1 billion in spending would yield \$5.1 billion in savings, covering only about one-fifth of the budget shortfall.

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Provincial funding 'game changer' for public transit

TIM WIECLAWSKI

CASH INFUSION Now that the provincial government has committed \$600 million to the city's rapid transit plan,

the focus of the work will be on solidifying financing from the federal government, Mayor Larry

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yesterday. O'Brien "Once that is done, by 2016, people who will be waiting for public transportation in the heart of Ottawa will be able to do so from the comfort of a subway station," said O'Brien. "This is a game changer for the city of Ottawa"

The first segment of the city's \$2.1-billion rapid transit plan is a 12.5-kilometre stretch from Tunney's Pasture to Blair Station. The city had budgeted for the provincial and federal governments to contribute \$700 million each to the project.

On Friday, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced the province would provide \$600 million — the largest single investment in transit infrastructure in the city's history.

Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi said they need to be prudent in how they invest the public's money. Naqvi said this money

Naqvi said this money is intended to fund a light rail project for Ottawa, but it does not necessarily require that it be through a tunnel or at the surface.

"We have full confidence in the city that they will be able to manage those dollars well."

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The National Capital Commission is reminding the public that it is currently dangerous to venture onto the Rideau Canal ice surface. It takes more than 14 days of cold v (daily average temperature below -15 C) to develop an ice thickness measuring at least 30 centimetres to be safe enough for skaters. The NCC expects to open the 40th skating season of the Rideau Canal Skateway in the first half of January.

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News in brief

TRANSIT SERVICE New Flver Industries, the company that has supplied 700 OC Transpo buses, will open a service centre in the national capital area in early 2010. The centre will provide bus warranty, technical and integrated supply chain services for OC Transpo buses.

COLLISIONS Ottawa police are investigating two separate motor vehicle-pedestrian collisions after a man was killed and a woman critically injured over the weekend. A 58-year-old man was struck and killed in the area of Bank Street and Kilborn Avenue, while a woman was struck near the Bayshore Shoppina Centre. METRO OTTAWA

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Mission serves up cheer City 'well positioned'

TRACEY TONG

He's been homeless for about three years, and the Christmas season is by far the toughest time of the year, a 24-year-old man said yesterday.

"It's getting cold outside, and it can be quite hectic and crowded in the shelters, so it's stressful," said Robert Dignard, who attends both the Ottawa Mission and the Salvation Army for services.

Still, Dignard is one of the luckier ones works at a restaurant in the ByWard Market and has family in the city who invite him to their homes for the holidays.

"And it helps to have the support of friends here," he added at the Ottawa Mission's annual community Christmas dinner yesterday.

For Ottawa resident Richard Muldovan, season stressors include getting enough money for Christmas gifts.

"I have a son, and this is a hard time for him right now," he said. "Events like this make the season happier. You're meeting friends here and the peo-ple (at the Mission) do a great job with this."

Once again, the city's biggest shelter stepped in to make the season brighter for anyone who may otherwise be alone for the holidays, or unable to afford a dinner with all the trimmings, hosting a dinner for people yesterday. While the numbers are down from Thanksgiving



Volunteer Nick Scrivens, 17, right, serves Robert Dignard yesterday during the Ottawa Mission's community Christmas dinner. Christmas is a tough time of year to be homeless, but thanks to events like this and to friends, it makes it easier, Dignard said.

(2,760), this year's Christmas dinner was a huge succompared to last Christmas, when the bus strike, combined with a snowstorm, reduced the number to 1,600 people, said shelter spokeswoman Shirley Roy.

"Everyone is welcome to come to our dinner," said Diane Morrison, executive director of the Ottawa Mis-

Volunteers are at the heart of these community meals. And for 17-year-old Nick Scrivens, helping out at the shelter has become tradition

For the last few years, the Ottawa resident has been working the Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners with his father and brother

"It's good to help the community," he said.

"You develop such a connection with these individuals," said longtime volunteer, Ottawa Police Supt. Mike Flanagan.

"It's always great to vol-unteer here, but it's extra special at Christmas," he "There's so much heart, such an outpouring from everyone here.

2,316 enjoy shelter's holiday meal, trimmings for future: Expert

The economic outlook for Ottawa in 2010 and the new decade is bright, an

expert said. "I think Ottawa will continue to be an affluent city," said Ian Lee, MBA director of the Sprott School of Business at Carleton University.

Lee believes the economic stability imparted by the presence of the federal government — which employs 25 per cent of Ottawa's population and does not downsize in times of recession protects Ottawa from the economic extremes experienced in cities like Toronto and Calgary.
Ottawa also has the ad-

vantage of being home to what Lee calls "the crewhat Lee calls "the creative class" — industries such as high tech, biotech, and financial services, which have not suffered from the impact of the recession like the manufacturing sector.

Ottawa's economy is bolstered by the highest average level of education in Share**Your**Views ottawaletters@metronews.ca

Canada, cheaper costs of living than other major cities, a low crime rate, and excellent transportation links to the U.S. and the rest of the country, Lee said. It is these accumulated advantages that make Ottawa "an economy that is well positioned for the future," said Lee.

Lee says the biggest threat to the Canadian economy in the coming decade is climate-change legislation. The Canadian economy is especially dependent on fossil fuels. both to heat homes and to transport goods and people.

"Anyone who thinks (climate-change legislation) is going to be painless is delusional," Lee said. "It's going to fall disproportionately on us in Canada.'

But Lee is confident Ottawa will weather the

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Invention Helping hand



Orleans landscaper and inventor Moe Rezazadeh demonstrates ${\bf downtown\ yesterday\ how\ his\ invention-a\ portable\ support}$ tool for shovelling snow, trimming hedges and chainsaw use works. Rezazadeh hopes to pitch his invention on CBC's entrepreneur show Dragons' Den next season.

Gatineau teen, firefighter hurt in house blaze

A 17-year-old boy suffered smoke inhalation and a firefighter was injured after a fire broke out in Gatineau yesterday morning.

Iust before 11 a.m., a fire broke out in a home in the 100 block of Dumas Street, where a 17-yearold male suffered smoke inhalation injuries, paramedics said.

The boy's sister and mother, who were also in

the house, were not injured. A Gatineau firefighter also suffered an eye injury

while fighting the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Union taking legal action against health authorities

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Ad taken out to explain sex assaults

The brother of Quebec's Roman Catholic archbishop, Cardinal Marc Ouellet, left, is raising eyebrows in la belle province after he took out a newspaper ad on the weekend to explain past sexual assaults involving minors, CBC News Online is reporting. In the ad, Paul Ouellet says he pleaded guilty to charges of sexual assault to end the ordeal, and claims his only mistake was succumbing to "advances" made by his two young victims.

Ministers met with Red Cross boss in '06

Three federal cabinet ministers and a senior government official met the head of the International Red Cross in the fall of 2006 as the humanitarian organization tried to focus Canada's attention on alleged abuses in Afghan prisons, The Canadian Press has learned.

Precisely what Jakob Kellenberger told Peter MacKay, Gordon O'Connor, Stockwell Day and Robert Greenhill, then the president of the Canadian International Development Agency, in the Sept. 26, 2006 meetings is blanketed by diplomatic secrecy.

MacKay was then Foreign Affairs minister, O'Connor was at Defence

Red Cross

• The Red Cross is bound by international convention not to discuss with other countries what it saw in Afghan prisons. But it could drop broad hints, as officials did at two meetings with Canadian officials in Kandahar in May and June 2006.

and Day was Public Safety minister overseeing Corrections Canada officers in Kandahar.

While the details of the meeting are secret, enough was said about Afghanistan to generate a report from MacKay's office a month later which flagged the Red Cross president's concerns.

The contents of the report, one of thousands of documents filed in the Military Police Complaints

Commission investigation of torture allegations, are

censored.

The email was titled: "Re: meeting with ICRC president re detention issues."

The fact the Red Cross meetings took place raises further questions about what the federal government knew and the kind of warnings they received in those critical early months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario South Korean carries flame



World figure skating champion Kim Yu-Na of South Korea carries the Olympic flame in Hamilton, Ont., on Saturday.

Value of public inquiries doubted

POLITICS With the country awash in calls for an arm's length probe into a variety of brewing scandals, questions are being raised about the efficacy of public inquiries.

While some inquiries are successful, others like the recently completed and widely criticized probe into an alleged pedophile ring in Cornwall, Ont., are long, expensive and poorly focused.

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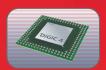
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Mousehunt trapping millions of gamers

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The magical world of Mousehunt exists in a spartan second-floor office in Oakville, Ont., where computer wizards and artists have developed a Facebook game played by nearly two million people around the world.

It's a tongue-in-cheek nation centred in the Town of Gnawnia, where players help the king rid the kingdom of mice in all shapes and sizes. The king even pays players an hourly wage in gold, which they use to buy cheese and traps, which will get them even more gold as they rise through the hunter ranks.

through the hunter ranks. Some traps smash mice to smithereens. Others as-



Hitgrab CEO Joel Augé shows off some mice sent to its Oakville office by fans of its popular Facebook game

sault them with loud music or drop them into a bottomless grave. There are even humane traps that fling mice into a fantasy world of endless cheese.

You don't have to spend a dime to play Mousehunt, but players can buy online Super Brie, which attracts mice better than the ordinary cheddar, gouda or special blends that players can craft themselves.

"We're really in the business of selling pretend cheese," says Joel Augé, 31-year-old CEO of Hitgrab, the company that runs Mousehunt and a new game called Mythmonger.

"We're purveyors of fine digital cheese," he adds with a laugh.

It's worked so much better than the first Facebook foray he and partner Brian Freeman made in 2006, when they started an application to help brides organize wedding details, gifts and registrations.

"It failed miserably," he said, because it meant investing a lot of screen time.

The beauty of Mousehunt is that it takes just seconds to check your trap or sound the hunter's horn, which begins the search for mice. Even if you're not in the game, Facebook friends who play can help you nab mice while you're away.

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Israel admits it harvested organs

Israel has admitted that in the 1990s, its forensic pathologists harvested organs from dead bodies, including Palestinians, without permission of their families.

The issue emerged with publication of an interview with the then-head of Israel's Abu Kabir forensic institute, Dr. Jehuda Hiss.

The interview was conducted in 2000 by an American academic, who released it because of a huge controversy last summer over an allegation by a Swedish newspaper that Israel was killing Palestinians in order to harvest their organs. Israel hotly denied the charge. Parts of the interview were broadcast on Israel's Channel 2 TV over the weekend.

In it, Hiss said, "We started to harvest corneas ... Whatever was done was

Settlers enraged by slowdown plan

 Israeli authorities could soon use special commando units, unmanned spy planes and cellphone-jamming equipment to enforce a moratorium on new settlement construction in the West Bank. military officials said yesterday, deepening a show-

highly informal. No permission was asked from the family."

The Channel 2 report said that in the 1990s, forensic specialists at Abu Kabir harvested skin. corneas, heart valves and bones from the bodies of Israeli soldiers, Israeli citizens, Palestinians and foreign workers, often without permission from rela-

In a response to the TV report, the Israeli military

down between the government and Jewish settlers. Enraged settlers vowed to resist the plan, prompting Defence Minister Ehud Barak to warn they would face the full wrath of the military if they continue to flout the 10-month slowdown.

confirmed that the practice took place. "This activity ended a decade ago and does not happen any longer," the military said in a statement quoted by Channel 2. In the interview, Hiss described how his doctors would mask the removal of corneas from bodies. "We'd glue the eyelid shut," he said. "We wouldn't take corneas from families we knew would open the eyelids."

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Pakistan **Heightened security**



Pakistani women walk past a police officer in the troubled city of Peshawar yesterday. Authorities are taking extra security measures during the Shiite Muslim mourning month of Muharram, as security agencies fear an increased level of violence.

China defends Copenhagen accord



CLIMATE CHANGE China, the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, lauded yesterday the outcome of a historic UN climate conference that ended with a nonbinding agreement that

urges major polluters to make deeper emissions cuts - but does not require it.

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said the international climate talks that brought more than 110 leaders together in Copenhagen produced "significant and positive" results.

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Dozens killed in Nigerian crash

At least 55 people died and 38 others were injured when a truck carrying bags of fertilizer slammed into a market in central Nigeria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EUROPE Snowstorms and subfreezing temperatures have battered Europe, killing 29 people in Poland alone and wreaking havoc on air. train and car travellers from the Nordics to Italy on the last weekend before Christmas

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U.S. health-care bill almost there

pushed toward a critical vote to advance historic health-care reform legislation as outnumbered Republicans pledged a fight to the end against **President Barack Obama's**

top domestic policy priori-

on Saturday, jubilant Senandunced ate Democrats announced they had locked in the 60th and decisive vote needed to overcome Republican stalling tactics. That came

Sen Ben Nelson of Nebraska, the last holdout in their caucus, who declared his support for revised legislation crafted by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

That put the bill firmly on

passage. To keep the process moving, Democrats will need to show 60 votes in a series of votes. The first - and most critical — test vote on a closure motion to end debate on the bill was

bate John McCain, Obama's opponent in last year's election, said there was probably nothing to keep Democrats from passing the bill by Christmas Eve.

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Lessons learned ... or not

Public should be more involved with public transit



he wintry nightmare of last year's transit strike might be worth it if we learned something, anything, from the ordeal.

Andre Cornellier, the bellicose face of ATU 279 throughout the strike, seems to have gained some perspective in the ensuing year.

'The bottom line is, we both didn't win," he told the Ottawa Citizen. "We both had to go to binding arbitration, so I said. 'Why go out and lose 53 days for maintenance and 60 days for operators when we still end up in binding arbitration? It was ridiculous."

No evidence of insight, sadly, from Mayor Larry O'Brien, who last week presented his

plan for avoid-"Here, when fares ing a winter strike in fu- are (regularly) ture: Lock 'em hiked, we just out in the grumble quietly, dig This solu- deeper and pay up."

be said, has the advantage of simplicity, over, say, actually negotiating a contract, perhaps with the aid of a mediator. But those of us

sitting at the bus stop won't really see any difference between a lockout and a strike. It still results in no

"Quite frankly, a strike in the summer — when the weather's good and people can bike and walk - is a whole lot better than what we went through last winter," quoth the mayor, who has a chauffeur.

O'Brien apparently believes the resolve of union members would be weak-

ened by living on strike pay more than it would be reby inforced his insulting, bad-faith tactics, the buses would be run-

ning again by winter and everyone would live happily ever after. It is to weep

Don't mark your calendars for the great lockout of 2011, though. Ill-considered posturing aside, there's a mayoral election between then and now.

O'Brien says he's going to think about his future over Christmas. Here's wishing His Worship happy holidays and a little time to perhaps better absorb the lessons of the past year.

Maybe there's a lesson here for us, too, though, that the public needs to be more involved with public transit, that it's too important to be left to city hall.

On a recent trip to Toronto, I saw young people flying a banner from the window of a streetcar protesting the TTC's upcoming transit fare hikes. One of these dangerous radicals was even shouting, "Public transit should be free!" out the window.

I have never seen such conduct on an OC Transpo bus, and suspect it would result in the swift ejection of the perpetrators. Here, when fares are (regularly) hiked, we just grumble quietly, dig deeper and pay up.

Are we slower learners than O'Brien? I profoundly hope not.

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clude Nutcracker dolls and

that extra piece that didn't

seem to fit anywhere. Tip:

Do not use your spouse's

new BlackBerry. Trust me

on this one.

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Worth mentioning

Eco-friendly shopping may lead to bad habits: Study

Purchasing habits

While the findings might

deflate the self-righteous

air of those who brag about

bringing canvas bags to the

grocery store, researcher Ni-

na Mazar says it definitely

shouldn't be seen as a con-

demnation of environmen-

tally friendly purchasing

Buying green may help save the planet, but a new study suggests it might also make you more prone to cheat,

steal, and be selfish.

In a paper to be pub-lished in an upcoming issue of the journal Psychological Science, Uni-

of versity Toronto searchers Nina Mazar and

Chen-Bo Zhong studied how students behaved after being given the option of purchasing environmentally friendly products, like organic yogurt biodegradable laundry detergent, or conventional

items

found students Thev who chose green products were less likely to act altru-

istically afterwards than those who were simply exposed to green products.

The study, said Mazar, an assistant professor of marketing with the University Toronto's

Rotman School of Management, builds on research into the idea of "moral regulation" - that people either consciously or unconsciously balance bad deeds with good ones.

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Views

Christmas – a lot of assembly required ing things I have used in-



Today, our final instalment on Prepping for the Holidays:

Sanity: Is it overrated? Or, all I want for Christmas is a G-17A size 12

Allen key. After the excitement of Christmas morning comes another traditional holiday event: Assembly After-

In olden days, Assembly Afternoon did not exist. A ball was a ball. A jump rope was a jump rope. And a quoit and skittle set was actually, I have no idea what that was. But the point is, it didn't need to be put together. You got your quoit and your skittle and you were good to go.

Now that we live in more convenient times, it's likely that at least one gift you receive will have to be assembled, mounted or, it may seem, built entirely from scratch. This is because manufacturers ship their products in parts for obvious reasons: They can't figure out how the heck to put the thing together either.

To be ready for Assembly Afternoon, here's what you'll need:

1. A translator.

These days most items come with instructions been have thoughtfully translated into a wide variety of languages.

These may include Klingon, Hobbit and British

semaphore, but they will never, ever include what-ever language you speak.

2. The home phone number of a hard-



ware store owner. Before Christmas, take

time to do a full inventory of what tools and equipment you have. Now know that whatever you already own is not what you are going to need to do the task at hand.

Another important note here: Any box that says 'batteries included," does-

3. A whacking thing.

At some point it will become clear that Piece C is not going to go into Slot A without some serious persuasion. Excellent whack-

4. Assistance. While most assembly efforts are one-person jobs, it's traditional to have someone on hand to provide helpful comments such as, "That's not how I'd do it," and "Too bad you have to do that or you

could be having a drink like me." While it's not OK to use the whacking thing on this person, it is perfect ly acceptable to give them a gift next year that comes a ka-gillion pieces.

Wishing you all a happy holiday and joyous Assembly Afternoon!

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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Market volatility expected this week

Stock markets are expected to remain volatile in the shortened trading week ahead of Christmas, as investors clean up their books before the start of the new year.

Motivation will come from the turbulent commodity prices which proved especially unpredictable last week as the U.S. dollar bounced around

in value.

Traders will also be making last-minute trades to meet the tax-loss trading deadline for the year

deadline for the year.

"There's a whole bunch
of conflicted forces at
work," said John Johnston,
chief strategist at the Harbour Group at RBC Dominion Securities. "The U.S.
economy is showing pretty
decisive indications that

Motivation from commodities

New York Larger than life

 Last week, the Iraqi government said that an oil well had been taken over by a group of armed Iranians, which sent the February crude contract up slightly in the final hours of

it's in an economic recovery, but a very slow one." Markets will operate on trading. Shares in Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan lost six per cent of their value. And gold prices have also logged several sessions of turbulence over the past week.

a regular schedule until Christmas Eve, when they close at 1 p.m. EST on both sides of the border and will reopen Boxing Day.

Economists and observers have predicted trading this month would be relatively muted compared with previous years partly because the TSX rallied in early November to a high for the year and since then many traders have taken time off for the holidays.

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Spyker makes new offer to purchase Saab

AUTO In a final attempt to rescue Saab Automobile AB, Dutch automaker Spyker Cars submitted a new offer yesterday to buy the Swedish brand from General Motors. Spyker said it has submitted a new proposal to GM, addressing the issues that made talks collapse earlier this week.

GM on Friday said it would wind down Saab because issues arose during the sales talks with Spyker that could not be resolved, and the window of time to complete a deal was small.

Spyker CEO Victor Muller said he hoped the new offer would make GM change its mind. "We are very confident that our renewed offer will remove the impasse that was standing in the way of an agreement on Friday, and this would still allow us to conclude the deal prior to the expiry of the deadline originally set by GM of Dec. 31," he said in a statement.

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Challenges in RIM's future: Analysts

TECH The BlackBerry faces more competition in the consumer market, especially in North America, and it's entry into China will have challenges, analysts say.

Fresh from a gain of more than 10 per cent on Friday and after beating profit expectations, Research In Motion faced questions about if it can maintain such growth.

Pacific Crest analyst James Faucette believes the company's 2010 financial year could be RIM's earnings peak, while PC Magazine analyst Sascha Segan said BlackBerrys are starting to look a bit dull and "definitely need a facelift" to appeal to more consumers.

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A visitor to Stereo Exchange in New York over the weekend wears 3-D glasses to view a demonstration of Digital Projection's Titan 1080p 3-D projector on a three-metre screen. The English company is marketing the 3-D systems to high-end home users and the military.

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Going Green

China using pig power

Village becomes model for renewable energy

ANN-AËL DURAND

The inhabitants of Cao Tian Da, in the Chinese province of Yunnan, cook and heat their homes with pig excrement — an example of transition towards new energies encouraged by China.

The signs painted along the road state it clearly: Cao Tian Da is a "model village for renewable energy.' This 140-inhabitant hamlet, in the mountains of Yunnan, seems traditional, with red-clay houses, corn ears hung for drying, and chickens running in the courtyard. But in the streets, public lamps are equipped with solar pan-

On the roof, brand-new solar heaters are glittering, and on the whitewashed walls, crude paintings explain how to use the new energy: bio-gas, made from

pig feces.

"It is very convenient,"

"It is very convenient," explains Wan Qin, in her

The young peasant opens a tap and activates a gas stove — much better than been appearance. than her old fireplace.

"Before, I had to collect firewood in the mountain, with my baby on my back. Now, I am relieved. We al-



Pig feces is used to create bio-gas which powers these homes.

In China, 45 per cent of the population still lives in the

countryside. China has become a bigger greenhouse gas issuer in the last two years. It is one of the most polluted countries, suffering from acid rains. desertification and water con-

tamination.

so have hot water with the heater.'

Her electricity bill has been reduced by half, and the forest is preserved. An

important issue for these families: their village has been moved by the authorities for environmental reasons linked with deforestation.

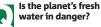
The gas in Wan Qin kitchen is freely provided by an industrial pigsty, 1 km away. The company, Hui Jian, strongly subsidized by the local authorities, keeps the excrement of its 2,000 pigs in big manure pits — 250 cubic metres per day, which ferment and produce methane.

Is our water supply in danger?

ERICK TAPIA Metro World News

On Apr. 18 next year thousands of people across the world will run 6 km — the average distance women and children walks to find water in drought-hit parts

The Dow Live Earth Run for Water is the brainchild of Live Earth's CEO Kevin Wall and is aimed at raising awareness of what he believes is be the key global crisis, lack of drinking water. He spoke to Metro:



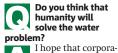
Well the planet is full of water but the reserve drinkable water is actually getting smaller and more



Kevin Wall

polluted. If you go to the drought areas of Africa the rivers are dry. Women and children

will walk 6 km to get basic drinking water.



tions, governments and individuals will wells.

find a solution. It will take corporations to change the way they do business and their water usage, it will take Governments to continue to push forward to find a better policy as global citizens.

What sort of actions are being taken?

There are different actions in different parts of the world.

In the United States and Europe you turn on the tap and the water comes out so here we need to look at major conservation efforts and conserve this precious resource. But it is different in other parts of the world - in some parts it may be encouraging activism while in others it may be drilling actually water



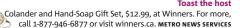


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The 12 wines of Christmas

PETER ROCKWELL for Metro Canada

to be hard?

Who said choosing a wine to go with turkey, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce and every other edible family tradition has

The big bird is actually pretty flexible when it comes to liquid partners, and each of the following wines offer a marriage made in holiday heaven.

White wines Domaine Chandon Brut Classic, \$23.99-

Forget New Year's Eve (for now); sparkling wines are super food-friendly and this



with a champagne sensibility — will add excitement to any holiday meal.

2 Caymus Vineyards 2007 Conundrum,

Sauvignon blanc is only one piece of this tasty multi-grape puzzle that twists refreshing tropical flavours around a lasting core of fresh white fruit.

Wolf Blass 2008 Yellow Label Riesling,

'Tis the season for German riesling, but New Worlders like this Aussie tend to be a tad drier, making them even more appealing with a wide variety of food

J. Lohr 2007 Riverston Chardonnay,

Heavily oaked chards are passé, so J. Lohr has softened its Riverstone persona by toning down the wood and playing up the citrus, which works better with turkey anyway.

Oyster Bay 2008 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, \$17.99-\$21.99

Thick, rich and full-figured, Oyster Bay is a textured wonder from New Zealand that cosies up to white (and most red) meats.

6 Mezzacorona 2008 Pinot Grigio,

Crisp and crowd-pleasing; pinot grigio is an all-purpose grape with Mezzacorona's interpretation a great mate for sweet, earthy and vegetal flavours.

Red wines

Boekenhoutskloof 2008 The Wolftrap, 513.95-\$14.99

The Wolftrap is a funky South African blend that's got enough muscle to drumstick wrestle turkey and plenty of fruit to fend off forward side dishes.

Kim Crawford 2008 Marlborough Noir, \$19.95-\$24.99

Pinot is a historic match for both roast poultry and ham with Mr. Crawford's big, bright version a vintage to vintage winner thanks to layers of strawberry fruit.

Ravenswood 2007 Vintners Blend Zinfandel, \$17.95-\$19.99

Zinfandel's typical mix of creamy chocolate and ripe berry fruit complexity is a fine companion for turkey — especially when the gravy boat drops anchor.

10 Ruffino 2006 Il Ducale Toscana,

\$19.95-\$22.99
Cherry fruit, soft spice and juicy, flowing flavours all marry to make sangiovesebased wines like the II Ducale a classic pick with

the gobbler and eclectic holiday choices like lamb, veal and pizza.

1 1 Concho y Toro 2008 Casillero del Diablo Shiraz,

\$12.95-\$13.99
Chile knows how to squeeze some major spice and concentrated red fruit out of shiraz, and this Diablo makes nice with both turkey and anything beefy.

12 Georges Duboeuf 2008 Beaujolais-

Villages, \$12.95-

Though a red Burgundy or merlotbased Saint-Émilion from Bordeaux both love turkey, when it comes to a French companion I'm all about Beaujolais. Fresh and super

about Beaujolais. Fresh and super fruity (especially when lightly chilled) they pair

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Real vs. artificial tree a personal choice

RAFAEL BRUSILOW for Metro Canada

Real or artificial, how will you celebrate the Christmas tree tradition this holiday season? The choice is often a personal one and both options have their pluses and minuses.

es.
On one side, an artificial tree can be reused season after season, creates no mess and requires no upkeep or care, but it usually costs much more and requires a large amount of storage space to hide it for the rest of the year.

On the other hand, a real tree offers the look, feel and smell of a real tree, usually for a cheaper price, as well as the satisfaction of having a real symbol of Christmas in your living room. Of course, you'll have to spend some time to find, cut down and transport your real tree, and you'll also have to take good care of it and find a way to dispose of it later — but at



Trees always seem smaller in the field than they do in your house, so take measurements before heading out, experts say.

least it won't take up any space in your house once the holiday season is over.

"For some people it's a very strong tradition to have a real tree, and you can't get an artificial tree with a scent," said Brian Horton, owner of Horton Tree Farms in Stouffville.

If you do decide to go for a real tree, Horton offers a few tips on finding and taking care of your real Christmas tree.

The first thing for eco-conscious revellers to know about real trees is that you're not harming the environment by deciding on a real tree. The majority of tree farms are established on the cheapest, most marginal land not suitable for growing other crops, and every cut tree is always replaced with a fresh sapling that eventually grows into another Christmas-ready tree.

"It is a renewable crop and

"It is a renewable crop and the trees stabilize the soil to prevent erosion. They're slowly helping to reclaim the land," he said.

But before you head out to a tree farm to pick up your real tree, make sure to take a few measurements.

"Trees always seem to look smaller in the field than they do in your house, so measure your space and take along a tape measure," Horton said. Look for a good, consistent

colour throughout the tree and give the needles a tug to see if the tree is healthy.

"You can pull on the green needles and they should not come off, and if you bend the needles, they shouldn't break," he said.

Don't worry too much if

the tree has a few brown needles — shedding needles is a natural thing.

Before placing your tree in its stand, be sure to make a fresh cut to help it absorb water. Feel free to score the bark just above the cut to help with absorption. Make sure to keep your tree watered.

"The key is to never let it run out of water. I would not buy a stand that holds any less than two litres of water," Horton said.

If possible, keep your tree out of direct sunlight and away from any heat sources to avoid having the tree dry out.

Once the season is over, look for tree-recycling programs in your area to dispose of your tree responsibly, or chop it into firewood for the win-



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How to host the perfect holiday soiree

One key to a great party is a theme. savs entertaining expert Ryan Jennings. Here are his 10 tips to hosting a success-

Start with colour. "Red, silver, gold, blue, black, white choose one and invitations, decorations, cocktails, food, atre, even makeup, around it," suggests Jennings.

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Giving is a theme. "Invitations, decor and food can all be designed

around gifting, presents, wrapping. Ask guests to bring a donation for NATURALIZER instead

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chairs, tables, anything that impedes party Certíficat Cadeau 20\$ and a possible dance

When planning a party, choose a colour, such as blue or silver, and plan around it, says expert Ryan Jennings. It also helps to stagger the food.

Choose tunes. Jennings says a soundtrack sets the mood of your evening. "Start with ambient lounge music and progress into more upbeat and danceable tunes. And mix in a few holiday classics."

Outsource supplies. "Glassware, dishes and linens are relatively inexpensive to rent, and they show up clean and go away dirty," notes Jennings.

Pre-prep drinks. "Mix pitchers of cocktails, minus the ice and anything bub-bly," says Jennings. "Refrigerate until needed, then pour into ice-filled glasses and top with soda or champagne if called for."

PHARMA PLUS 6 Make non-drinkers feel special, too. Jennings is the spokesperson for Bombay Sapphire and also co-author of Entertaining with Booze: Designer Drinks, Fabulous Food & Inspired Ideas for Your Next Party, but he insists on having a virgin cocktail at the ready, served in appropriate glass-

> space. flow," Jennings says "Roll up rugs, stash the fragile, and clear space for chat circles

"Think dimmer switches and

Get a crew if necessary.
"Dinner parties larger than 12 and cocktail parties in excess of 30 are too much for one person," says Jennings. "You'll need one or two people to help man the ovens, pass hors d'oeuvres and clear mess, as well as a savvy mixologist friend to stir up cocktails. You should be mingling with guests, not stuck in the litchen" in the kitchen.

Stagger the food. "Dividing hors d'oeuvres and buffet items in half and bringing them out in stages ensures that late-comers get fed and the buffet looks fresh throughout the evening," Jennings advises.

Host responsibly. "Stav sober so you can make appropriate decisions," says Jennings. "Keep an eye on guest alcohol consumption, have plenty of food available and keep a list of taxi numbers by the phone."





Ryan Jennings' Killer 'Nog

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 eggs, separated
 1¹/₂ cups superfine sugar
- 4 cups milk • 4 cups heavy cream (35%)
- 3 cups bourbon
- 1 cup brandy • 1/2 cup dark rum

Freshly grated nutmeg

Beat egg yolks in a large bowl Luntil thick and pale yellow. Gradually whisk in sugar, then whisk in milk and cream.

Add brandy, bourbon and rum,

stirring constantly.

Whisk egg white in a separate bowl until stiff. Fold egg whites into nog mixture and refrigerate until ready to serve. Pour nog into ice-filled glasses and sprinkle with

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Serve with fruit and nuts. 3 If fondue becomes cool and thick, microwave for 10 seconds and stir.

Break up the chocolate and put in a plastic bowl with the cream and water.

2Give the mixture 10-20 second bursts in the microwave, whisking in between.

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Holiday Shopping Guide

Holiday shortbread simple

with bacon, chives and maple syrup is perfect for breakfast, brunch or as a holiday hors d'oeuvre with a glass of wine. Makes 16 squares.

Glazed Bacon Chive Shortbread **INGREDIENTS:**

• 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened

- Pinch salt
- 1/2 cup chopped, crispy bacon
- 2 tbsp finely chopped chives
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp rice flour
- 1 tbsp maple syrup

METHOD:

1 Grease an 8-inch square baking pan; set aside.

2butter with sugar and salt using an electric mixer, for 2 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add bacon and chives; mix until evenly distributed.

In a separate bowl, com-Bine all-purpose flour with rice flour. Add flour mixture to butter mixture:

Preheat oven to 325 F Press dough, in an even layer, into prepared pan. Cover and chill for 30 minutes or until firm.

Lightly score dough with a knife into 16 squares (do not cut all the way through). Brush top with maple syrup.

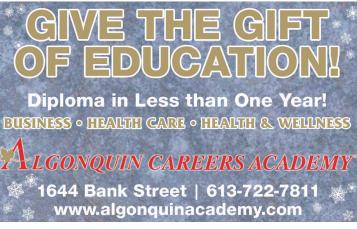


Try making this glazed bacon chive shortbread (recipe below)

Bake for 25 to 35 min-Outes or until set and lightly golden. Immediatecut through scored

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Easy flatbread makes impression

Caramelized Onion, Pear & Brie Flatbread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium onion, peeled and thinly sliced
- · 2 tbsp fresh thyme,
- chopped
 1 Sensations by Compli-
- ments Regular Flatbread • 1 pear each (mediumsized) green and red, cored
- and thinly sliced • 2 tbsp extra virgin olive
- 1/2 wheel Compliments
- double cream brie cheese, cut into thin slices

METHOD:

- Preheat oven to 400 F. Heat 1 tbsp of olive oil in a sauté pan over medium high heat and caramelize the onion. Season with fresh thyme, salt and pepper. Set the flat-bread out on a clean work surface and brush it with the remaining 1 tbsp of olive oil. Spread the caramelized onion evenly over the flatbread.
- Fan the slices of pear around the bread in concentric circles all the way to the outer edges.

with salt and pepper, then sprinkle with slices of brie cheese.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 10 to 12 minutes. The bottom of the flatbread should be crisp, brie melted and pears tender.

Let cool slightly, slice into 16 wedges and

Makes 16 portions.

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The Oakland Athletics are close to agreeing with free-agent outfielder Coco Crisp, left, on a one-year contract with a club option for the 2011 season. A person with knowledge of the negotiations confirmed an impending deal on condition of anonymity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Williams sets record

Miami running back Ricky Williams, left, reached 1,000 yards rushing for this season on his fifth carry yesterday against see, setting an NFL record for the longest span between 1,000-yard seasons at six years. This marks the fifth 1,000-yard rushing season of his career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grieving Bengals fall short

gals 24 Chargers 27



Nate Kaeding kicked a 52-yard field goal with three seconds left and the playoff-bound San Diego . Chargers pulled out a dramatic 27-24 win over the grieving Cincinnati Bengals yesterday.

The winning kick came after Philip Rivers moved the Chargers 46 yards in 51 seconds with no timeouts and backup centre Dennis Norman snapping after Scott Mruckzkowski was iniured.

A few minutes after the figun, the Chargers hed their fourth clinched straight AFC West title when Denver lost 20-19 to

Playoff picture

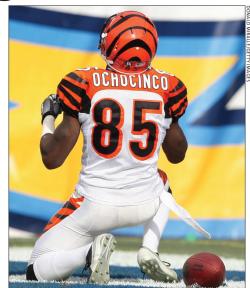
• San Diego, Arizona and Minnesota clinched division titles yesterday, while Philadelphia surged into the playoffs as at least a

San Diego (11-3) won its ninth straight game and clinched a playoff spot be-fore halftime because of other results. The Bolts improved to 17-0 in December dating to 2006.

The Bengals (9-5) failed for the second straight week to clinch the AFC North.

Cincinnati, playing three days after the death of receiver Chris Henry, had tied the game at 24 on Shayne Graham's 34-yard field goal with 54 seconds left.

The Bengals wore decals with Henry's No. 15 on their helmets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Chad Ochocinco of the Cincinnati Bengals kneels after scoring a touchdown yesterday against the San Diego Chargers.

NFL encourages players to donate their brains

The NFL is partnering with Boston University brain researchers who have been critical of the league's stance on concussions, The Associated Press learned yesterday.

The league now plans to encourage current and former NFL players to agree to donate their brains to the Boston University Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, which has said it found links between repeated head trauma and brain damage in boxers, football players and, most recently, a former NHL player.

"It's huge that the NFL actively gets behind this research," said Robert Cantu, a co-director of the BU centre who has spoken negatively about the league in the past. "It forwards the research. It allows players to realize the NFL is concerned about the possibility that they could have this problem, and that the NFL is doing everything it can to find out about the risks and the preventive strategies that can be implemented."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told the AP yesterday that the league also is committed to giving \$1 million US or more to the centre.

"The precise amount hasn't been determined," Aiello said.

We will discuss it with them. It depends on their needs. We are committed

"It's huge that the **NFL** actively gets behind this research."

Athletics close to signing Crisp

Robert Cantu, Boston University.

to funding research" on brain injuries.

Robert Stern, an associ-ate professor of neurology at the Boston University School of Medicine and one of Cantu's co-directors of the centre, said the group is pleased the NFL is playing a role.

"Although we discussed with the NFL how they might facilitate players' participation in our research into the long-term effects of repetitive head trauma in athletes, we did not request financial support to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest," Stern said in a statement issued yesterday. "Any financial support from the NFL would need to be free of any real or perceived conflict of interest.'

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The Brampton Battalion nearly completed an amazing comeback but in the end fell just short. Thomas Nesbitt had the eventual game winner as the Ottawa 67's held on to beat the Brampton Battalion 4-3 in Ontario Hockey League action yesterday afternoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Female athletes express their dreams

Calendar aims to generate public discussion about gender barriers

2010 **Games**

When nine-year-old Nicole Maurer grows up, she wants to be an Olympian.

Yet in a country where children are constantly encouraged to follow their dreams, she's already been told to scrap that goal.

She says it's because she's a girl.

The Grade 5 student from Calgary is a ski jumper, and for right now, competing in that sport on the most prestigious stage in the world is restricted to men.

Which makes absolutely no sense to Nicole.

"When I jump, I'm better than most of the boys," she says, explaining she's already been training for four years. "It's not fair just because they're girls that they're not allowed in the Olympics."

That complaint has been the subject of a long court battle by a group of female international ski jumpers who argue it's unconstitutional to bar women. As the 2010 Games quickly approaches, their case remains in limbo.

Nicole's inequity propelled her and others to highlight it and similar cases of gender barriers in a new "Dreams for Women" calendar she helped create.

As excitement builds before the world visits Vancouver, the participating athletes — several who actually will be competing —

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are hoping to use Olympic fever to galvanize people to question the way things are.

Each participant made and submitted a postcard that's included in the calendar.

"I dream of a world where the only bruises women receive occur in friendly competition," says figure skater Ashley Wagner's postcard on domestic violence.

"I dream of a world where women are front page, not centrefolds," says Cathy Priestner-Allinger, Olympic medallist speed skater and Vancouver Olympic Committee vicepresident, on the sexualization of female athletes.

Volleyball player and calendar participant Kirsten Manley-Casimir feels she faces extra pressures on the court. In international competitions, she's required to wear a very small bikini—rules laid down by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball.

Men are allowed to wear shorts.

"There's a reason that the men's event didn't sell out first at the Olympics. It was the women's event (that did)," said the Toronto woman, 34, whose postcard is in the calendar.

"You do fight against the tension between it being seen as a sexy sport rather than an athletic sport."

Amanda Reaume, who coordinated the calendar, said she hopes it becomes a relic of a different era.

"I really hope that this calendar ... will be the last year that women have not been included in ski jumping in the Games," said the 25-year-old, who is executive director of the Vancouver-based non-profit Antigone Foundation, an organization geared toward young women.

"Hopefully it will be a historical piece — 'Oh, remember that time, back in the day, when women weren't in ski jumping."

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Chelsea solidify Premiership lead

SOCCER Frank Lampard drove home a twice retaken penalty against his former club as Chelsea came from behind to draw 1-1 at West Ham yesterday to move four points ahead at the top of the Premier League.

After Scott Parker blocked a header from Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic on the line, West Ham went ahead in the final minute of the first half. Ashley Cole brought down Jack Collison and Alessandro Diamanti drove home the penalty.

Chelsea equalized in the 61st minute after Matthew Upson was harshly judged to have brought down Daniel Sturridge even though the West Ham defender appeared to make contact with the ball.

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NBA Raptors beat Hornets



Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh drives to the basket in a game against the New Orleans Hornets yesterday in Toronto. Bosh scored 25 point as the Raptors won 98-92.

Sports in brief

FORMULA ONE Italian organizers say a deal has been signed with Formula One chief Bernie Ecclestone to stage a Rome Grand Prix on the streets of Italy's capital. Course planner Maurizio Flammini told Sky Italia vesterday that an agree ment with Ecclestone "has already been done and signed" but did not say when the first Rome GP might be held. NBA Dirk Nowitzki missed Dallas' game against Cleveland last night because of soreness in his elbow, where two teeth belonging to

Houston's Carl Landry wound

up following a collision a few nights before.

ratif Seroic.

Traly Samuel Eto'o scored an early goal to give Inter Milan a 1-0 win at home to Lazio yesterday and extend its Serie A lead to eight points going into the winter break. Also yesterday it was; AS Roma 2, Parma 0; Livorno 3, Sampdoria 1; Napoli 2, Chievo Verona 0; and Palermo 1, Siena 0.

PORTUGAL Javier Saviola

scored as Benfica beat Porto 1-0 in the Portuguese "classico" yesterday, taking the Lisbon team to a share of the lead in the league standings. Also yesterday, Leiria beat
Belenenses 1-0, Setubal beat
Maritimo 3-2 and Nacional
beat Academica 4-3.

SPAIN Tenerife and Atletico
Madrid drew 1-1 in the Spanish
league yesterday, with goals
from Juan Francisco "Nino"
Martinez and Jose Manuel Jurado. The result leaves Atletico
15th on 14 points. Tenerife is
14th with a point more.

FRANCE Eighteen-year-old sensation Eden Hazard scored a
goal and set up two in Lille's 30 victory over Le Mans yester-

day in the French league.

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Playing hooky with swine flu

A couple of university students interviewed by Maclean's admit to faking H1N1 in order to get out of class or exams, as schools across the country have revised their sick-note policies and encouraged students with flu-like symptoms to stay far away from campus, no questions asked. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

New site for N.S. university

The University of King's College has a new-look website. The site describes the Halifax-based institution as a "tightly-knit and extraordinarily lively academic community." On the site, visitors will find testimonials from past students, recent Twitter posts, event listings and news headlines.

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"We all know that we

need to shift the locus of

care, we need to reach peo-

ple where they are, so registered nurses play a key role in supporting commu-

nity and individuals in

managing their own health." Bard said in an in-

The Canadian popula-

tion is aging, and there is a

need to ensure there will

be enough nurses to sup-

port elderly people in the

years to come, she noted..

and really bring some self-

sufficiency into the sys-

tem," she said. "If I look at

the number of nursing students that graduated in 2008, it was 9,113, but

there's only a net gain of

3,008 nurses due to the re-

tirement of the aging

workforce, and people

moving we're in the right

direction when you look at

the numbers, but we still

need to be very vigilant in

continuing to address it."

that the number of nurse

practitioners rose to 1,626

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"You want to balance

terview from Ottawa.

A Santa suit dresses up a third career



here are few jobs that value a macomplexion, ture white beard and a somewhat stocky body type. But if you look the part, playing Santa like McTavish does on a regular basis is a great job.

McTavish, 67, got his first gig as Santa five years ago when organizers of a Christmas party in Bala, near his home in Ontario's Muskoka region, needed someone last minute.

Word soon got around that McTavish "does Santa," and it took off from there.

This, of course, is not his first career. He started off in business, and worked in senior management for a various retail chains. Twenty years ago, he left corporate life and started up his own real estate brokerage for business clients.

Eight years ago, he moved from Toronto to Muskoka, renovated his dad's old cottage and was reconsidering his career options — the real estate business was slowing down — when the Santa work started.

'I was looking for something to take up the slack," says McTavish.

The jobs working parties and parades fit his schedule: it takes up much of the early winter while real estate gets busy in the

In between, he swims, snowmobiles, travels and goes to the theatre.

Two years ago, he got a big break. One of the Santas at Santa's Village in Bracebridge passed away. McTavish now spends his summers there - and probably will for years to

"I'm reasonably young. I know another fellow who's 86 and he's been doing it for 16 years. This is a long term position."

This year, McTavish began working in malls. "I'm developing my Santa business just like I developed

my real estate business." It's harder work than parties and parades: the days are long and often run late (McTavish likes to rise early so he's beat by 8 p.m.).

And, surprisingly, his business experience helps with his new job. "I was trained in retail where I learned you have to treat the customer with incredible respect.'

He often spoke in front of crowds for his job and he doesn't get stage fright.

At parties, he roams the room chatting with kids and adults, making sure everyone's happy. For parades (where he wears good quality long underwear), it's the most fun when he has a mike and can chat with the crowd.

At the village and at malls, it's all about one-onone chats with kids, get-



Bob McTavish dons his Santa suit to entertain the crowds.

ting them to talk about what they want, what they're interested in, and getting into casual chats about cookies, Mrs. Claus

and reindeer.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The **Lowdown**

Job title: Santa Claus

Salary: \$250 to \$500 a day or event

Education/training: There are a few Santa schools in North America, but he learned on the job.

Best Part of the Job: "Individual people, not always kids, who react with their eyes to you. You know someone is taking pleasure from what you're doing."

Worst Part of the Job

"Families who push kids beyond the point they should be pushed."

Nurse numbers up

The number of nurses working in Canada rose by 8.3 per cent between 2004 and last year, a new study indicates.

The report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, released Friday, said the number of employed nurses reached 341.431.

"We're certainly encouraged by the number," said Rachel Bard, CEO of the Canadian Nurses Associa-

"We've always said that nurses do bring solutions to the system, and this is certainly recognizing that nurses are part of the solution in the efforts to meet Canada's complex healthcare challenges."

The rate of growth for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses exceeded the rate of popula-tion growth over the past five years, while the registered psychiatric nurse workforce in Western Canada kept pace with population growth, the statistics show.

A positive development is an increase in the number of community health nurses and more nurses working in telehealth, Bard said.

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last year from just 800 in 2004. Nurse practitioners provide care that can goes beyond that of a regular nurse - including diagnosis, ordering and interpret-The report said the proportion of regising tests and prescribing drugs and treatment. tered nurses employed in the com-





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Simon Fraser University is crediting a new program for reducing computer thefts at its Burnaby campus by over 30 per cent. Alarm-rigged laptops are placed around the campus library and are set off if picked up, alerting security personnel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

From co-worker to Facebook friend

It is one of the most socially awkward situations at the office.

You're talking to your boss or co-worker, when they casually ask to be your friend on Facebook.

You quickly think of the juicy comments posted on your wall, or that photo of you gulping margaritas in a bathing suit. Within seconds, you have to decide between saying 'yes' or finding a way to decline the offer without hurting anyone's feelings (or your chance at a promotion).

It has happened regularly to a 28-year-old public relations worker in Winnipeg we'll call Nathalie. She doesn't want her real name used for obvious reasons.

"Your boss doesn't need to see what you're doing on the weekend," she said.

"There are lines and there are boundaries. The only co-workers that are my Facebook friends are people that would be hanging out with me."

Nathalie has become rather adept at sidestepping workplace requests for Facebook friendship. She tells some co-workers she rarely uses Facebook. She has told others she would add them as friends, knowing she would not follow through, and has feigned ignorance in subsequent conversations.

The workplace is gaining more of a presence on Facebook, MySpace and other social networking sites. Companies are starting to see value in having a presence on Web 2.0. Many have set up corporate Facebook pages and have let employees know that they can become fans — an action that can make your Facebook page more visible to co-workers.

But should you feel obliged to open your social network page to cowork-



Adding co-workers as Facebook friends has its issues.

ers? Not necessarily, says one expert.

"You have the same obligation as you would have if they wanted to be invited to your home for cocktails or for a dinner party," said Arthur Schafer, a professor at the University of Manitoba's Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics.

"It might be prudent to

promote collegial relations or to curry favour with the boss by socializing with them ... but you certainly have no obligation to."

Facebook has added new privacy options recently, allowing users to hide individual posts or pictures from specific friends. Of course, even if no one at work can see your Facebook page, they can still find out what's on it. It happened earlier this year to a twenty-something woman we'll call Susan, who also doesn't want her name used.

Susan was upset with what she felt was a lack of security and cleanliness at a community event in Winnipeg. She complained about it on her Facebook page, which is only visible to her 500-odd friends.

As it turns out, one of those friends was an employee of the event's organizers, who are clients of Susan's employer. Word got around and Susan found herself facing a tonguelashing from her boss.

It raises the question, do employers have the right to discipline workers who slag them, the company or a client in quasi-public areas such as Facebook?

"I would say not, unless it's directly damaging to

the company — saying 'This product is fraudulent,' for example," said John Melnyck, who teaches management ethics at the University of Winnipeg's business faculty.

Both professors agree that it is important to remember that anything posted online, even behind strict privacy settings, can make its way into the public sphere.

lic sphere.

And that perhaps explains why people are reluctant to open their social networking pages to coworkers or superiors. Melnyck recently conducted an experiment on that front. He asked students in one of his classes, en masse, to make him a friend on Facebook.

"It was a pretty even split of opinion," Melnyck chuckled. "Some people had no hesitation, other people said 'no way."

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College students vent online over union strike threat

STRIKE Another looming campus strike, another Facebook backlash.

As 24 community colleges brace for a possible teachers' walkout in January, more than 11,500 students are expressing their fear and anger via the Facebook website, as York University students did last year during their 12-week

shutdown. "We don't want a strike to happen. My sister went to York last year and lost out on a summer job because of that strike," said Humber College's Graeme McNaughton, who created the Facebook group Ontario College Students Against A Strike.

Two days of talks ended Tuesday between Colleges Ontario and the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union, with no plans to resume. The union has set a strike vote for Jan. 13.

A petition on the Facebook group page has collected more than 1,800 signatures calling on both sides to reach a deal without stoppages.

In Facebook discussions,

"I don't blame students for being angry and frustrated,"

> Ted Montgomery, union negotiator

students from Toronto to Sudbury are fretting about how a strike could affect their student loans — "I will lose my apartment where me, my two cats and three-month-old son are living," worries one as well as graduation dates and retraining for laid-off workers.

The union says it is fighting for academic freedom and more teacher control of workloads.

"I don't blame students for being angry and frustrated," said union negotiator Ted Montgomery. "But we don't want to go on strike. We're hoping for a settlement."

Ditto, says Rob Savage at Colleges Ontario. "We hope we can negotiate a deal." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE





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Startup gives you points for going out

Laura Fitton's ascent has been staggering: In less than a year, she's become mayor of nine different places in several different states, all without giving any speeches or kissing any babies.

Instead, Fitton has gone out. A lot. And that's allowed her to build an empire in the world of a rapidly growing Internet startup called Foursquare, which rewards users with points and virtual "mayorships" for checking in on their cellphones when they're out and about.

Foursquare is the brainchild of Dennis Crowley, 33, and Naveen Selvadurai, 27. The two friends decided to roll out their service after learning in January that Google was shutting down Dodgeball — a similar tool



Foursquare is a startup venture that lets you check in to businesses and rewards your frequenting places more than once.

for connecting with friends through text messages. Crowley had started Dodgeball in 2000 and sold it to Google in 2005 for an undisclosed amount. Released in March, Foursquare lets you share your whereabouts with friends, no matter if you're at a hot bar or a neighbourhood pet store. Once you've checked in somewhere — through Foursquare's website or its applications for the iPhone or Android phones — your friends can see where you are and decide whether to meet up with you.

If you want to check in on an iPhone, for example, you'd see a main tab showing your favourite and nearby businesses, and another tab showing where your friends have recently checked in. You can search for venues, leave tips for other users about things they might want to try at a bar or restaurant, or send a "shout" — a message that goes to all your friends.

Checking in is done on the honour system, so technically you can check in at dessert destination Serendipity 3 in Manhattan even if you're really sitting in an office in San Francisco.

There are plenty of applications that let you share your location with friends, such as Loopt, Glympse and Google Latitude. What's different about Foursquare — and what users say keeps them coming back — is that it includes a reward system familiar to video gamers.

You get five points for checking in somewhere for the first time, for example, and if you visit a place three times in a week you'll earn a "local" badge that appears on your Foursquare profile. Check in somewhere more than others do and Foursquare will dub you the mayor. (You'll have to keep visiting, though, or you might be overthrown by somebody else.) A leaderboard lets you see how you stack up against your friends and other users in your area.

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For professor, writing is hard, but pays off in the end

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Seneca English professor and award-winning author Bruce Hunter doesn't like to write. "I find it difficult," says this year's recipient of the Banff Mountain Book Festival's Canadian Rockies award. "But I like the end product: Seeing how people respond and reaching people."

Hunter has spent his 25-

Hunter has spent his 25year career reaching people. "I teach students from over 100 countries around the world and 65 different language groups. Part of what the book is about is different notions of culture: Deaf culture, aboriginal culture and listening."

Set in the eastern slopes of the Rockies, In the Bear's House is about a deaf boy who finds love and redemption in the wilderness. "The boy can't hear but he learns to listen," says Hunter. "The title In the Bear's House is an analogy to wilderness. You mind your manners when you're in the bear's house. You watch your step."

Hunter wrote the book in the buzz of Second Cup coffee and morning commutes on the TTC, but his accurate depiction of mountain culture won him the award. "I "Part of what the book is about is different notions of culture: Deaf culture, aboriginal culture and listening."

Seneca professor Bruce Hunter

didn't expect to win at all. It was too much of a long shot. I'm from Toronto," says the Calgary import who moved here 29 years ago to attend York University.

Since moving Hunter has seen the city "change enormously."

Despite the specific geographic focus. In the Bear's House has "a universality because of the larger scope of the story." A scope Hunter attributes in part to teaching. "It has had a profound effect on me. One of the poems I started writing when I started teaching was 'What my Students Teach Me.' It's stories about why they came to Canada. I haven't finished the poem because I haven't finished teaching. I keep adding to it."

His newly selected poems are in the process of being published. But he has no intention to stop teaching.



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Recruiting through social networks

JON TATTRIE for Metro Canada

RECRUITMENT Riding out of the recession, companies are looking for cost-effective ways to recruit new staff. One Canadian company has come up with a novel technique it says cuts recruiting costs by 99.3 per cent.

I Love Rewards, a Toronto web-based rewards and recognitions company working with firms like Mircosoft and Rogers, needed to fill 17 positions last month. It looked at headhunters but as they typically take 20 per cent of base salary, it seemed a costly way to go. Even online recruiters can cost anywhere between \$300 and \$750, and advertising isn't cheap.

CEO Razor Suleman says the company doesn't object to paying, but "we are very economical in how we do things." He devised a low-budget approach that would land the best candidates. Using the "A-players know A-players" strategy, Suleman motivated staff to spread the word through

"We didn't even read their resumes." he admits. We guaranteed an interview that day, you could learn about our product ... experience our

Razor Suleman, CEO

their social networks by offering points that are redeemable for rewards.

That netted 1,200 online applications. "It was overwhelming," he says. To cut the list down, I Love Rewards emailed all applicants and invited them to a wine-and-cheese open

"We didn't even read their resumes," he admits. "We guaranteed an interview that day, you could learn about our product, you could meet the senior leadership team and experience our office.'

Over the two evenings, 400 applicants showed up, meaning two-thirds of the applicants selected them-selves out. The remainder got a feel for what the company was about and the company got a feel for what the applicants were about.

The CEO — Suleman – led a Q&A and filtered applicants in for a five-minute interview to get a feel for fit. That took the 400 down to 120 people.

The next stage broke that down into small groups and interviewed candidates with three "experiential" questions and a killer fourth: Ruling out vourself, who would you hire from the group and

"It will be crystal clear," he says. "Even if you as the interviewer were asleep the entire time, the interviewees will tell you who are the best two that should move forward."

ILR then explored the technical qualifications of the finalists and made their hires. "To be able to eliminate 95 per cent of the people in effectively hours? At a cost of \$1,800? There is no better way," Suleman says.

Tech puts struggling school back on track

is using technology to turn around its academic performance, George Harvey Collegiate Institute, near Keele and Eglinton, has seen students' grades soar and violence drop over the last seven years as it ramps up its IT abilities to make the

classroom a collaborative concept. "I hate the fact that kids power down when they come to school. I want them to stay powered up,"

says principal Anthony Vandyke.

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Harvey Collegiate

Institute is aiming to

have a laptop for every

The low-income area school had suffered from high drop-out rates and rising absenteeism.

It had a vision of being cyber-studies school. However, it didn't have all the equipment.

George Harvey nered with Epson Canada to bring Powerlite projectors and Smartboards to That the classrooms. makes chalkboards a

place

knowledge. Kids can find information wherever they want; the teachers' expertise is how to facilitate and find the knowledge, to disseminate the knowledge and then apply it." George Harvey Collegiate Institute

'Teachers are no longer the owners of

principal Anthony Vandyke

teachers can share and save information with students and parents and allows them to go online in class to answer tough questions. The colourful graphics add pop to the lessons and the built-in closed captioning helps the hard of hearing.

"This project is a great fit with Epson. How students are taught, and learn, is changing, and technology is much more integral to the education curriculum,"

savs Epson's Tamara Walsh.

"Epson is committed to developing technology and education-focused pro-grams so that teachers have access to 21st-century learning tools."

Separately, the school has built up its supply of computers from 180 to 700, with a plan

to get a

"The kids know there is a purpose and a function,' explains Vandyke. "And this is not a school where we hand-pick our kids. The kids come here and we make the best of the stu-

dents we get." The high-tech approach engages students on their own terms and better prepares them for modern ca-

laptop for every student to

lease at an affordable price. Grade 9 students

take a mandatory comput-

on wikis and blogs," says

"We're starting to work

The student population

has risen from 400 seven

years ago to 880 today. Half

the students go on to university and 40 per cent go

to college, up from a total

of 20 per cent seven years

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Vandvke.

"You begin to integrate how teaching occurs," he

"It helps engage students in what they see as a friendly atmos-

phere. "Teachers are no longer the owners of knowledge. Kids can find information wherever they want; the teachers' expertise is how to facilitate and find the knowledge, to disseminate the knowledge and then apply it.'

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Albums of the decade

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It was a decade that started with boy bands and Britney, and ended with **Bob Dylan singing Here**

Comes Santa Claus. In between, an endless stream of over-produced and under-talented American Idol winners managed to keep the big record labels from drowning in a pool of self-inflicted ennui. Yet, through all of this, we managed to find some exceptionally fine music. And you didn't have to be an indie snob to find it. Here are 10 records from the past 10 years that you can feel good about having in your library.

Honor (2005): double album shows the band at



its best plugged in and acoustic. It took on the other big double rock album of the decade - Stadium Arcadium by the Red Hot Chili Peppers — and won. With a string of radio friendly rockers like the Best of You and DOA, this is the album that made the Foo Fighters the top band of the decade.

Some critics would place Feist's debut album, Let It Die, above



The Reminder. But let's face it. The Reminder put Feist at a higher level. It's also the album that broke the Canadian songstress internationally. It was hard to get tired of 1234, even with the monster abuse it took on those iPod commercials. These are wellcrafted songs, written with style and originality, and sung in a uniquely alluring voice.

3. Coldplay, A Rush of Blood to the Head (2003):

This is the althat single-handedly saved EMĬ from disaster (the



delay of the release of the follow-up X&Y actually caused a run on EMI stock). The piano riff on Clocks alone makes this album a must. Coldplay started the decade a U2/Radiohead wannabe and reached 2010 well ahead of both.

4. Outkast, Speaker-boxxx/The Love Below (2003): This double album's two huge hits — Hey Ya and The Way You Move – finalhop through to the mainstream pop charts. At the



time, its retro leanings toward funk and soul (a la Sly and the Family Stone) inevitably spelled the end to the genre as we knew it in '80s and '90s. Melody became as important as the beat. Enter Kanye, Beyoncé and Rihanna.

5. Arcade Fire, Funeral (2004): Few in Canada were aware of the innovative indie-



rock collectives that were thriving in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver until David Bowie stepped on stage with Arcade Fire at a New York gig in 2005. The world seemed to look at the Canadian indie scene differently after that.

6. Amy Winehouse, Back

(2006): Sometimes there's a reason whv artists sweep



the Grammys the way Amy Winehouse did in 2007 This was simply a very good album. How many people remember

where they were when they first heard Rehab on the radio? It was that special. Winehouse managed to reference four decades of R&B music while still sounding original. This album sparked a British retro-fad with a flurry of young Dusty Springfields finding chart success. None, of course, were anywhere near as interesting as Amy. 7. White Stripes, Ele-

phant (2003): Who would have thought there that



along and managed to do what others couldn't with nothing but a drum kit, a guitar and a deft hand in the studio. This album proved that less can, indeed, be more. White has since managed to bring a touch of class to everything he touches, including Loretta Lynn's Portland, the Raconteurs and Dead Weather.

8. Sam Roberts, We Were Born in a Flame (2003): It

started with a six-song EP (the Inhiiman Condition) that the





The Foo Fighters' (frontman Dave Grohl, shown) In Your Honor is one of the albums from the last decade you should own.

Montreal rocker just \$65 to record. Two songs (Don't Walk Away Eileen and Brother Down) broke through on radio after every major label in the country turned them down. The three surprise Junos Sam received made us realize that there was more to Canadian rock 'n' roll than the Tragically Hip and Rush.

9. Kanye West, Gradua-

tion (2007): OK, he's a jerk. He's proved that over and again. over

But sometimes we have to let reality pass and just listen to the music Kanve's third album brought everything together and made

his tremendous ego a little more bearable.

10. Neil Young, Live at Massey Hall 1971 (2007): Yes, this one

doesn't reallv belong. It's a recording of a conthat



happened almost 40 years ago. This spot was originally going to be taken by Ryan Adams' Gold (2001), which had a tremendous impact on a whole new breed of singer-songwriters, taking them back to their roots. Neil, however, is the real deal. He is their roots. And nothing had a bigger impact on young writers than the release of this remarkable concert album.



Kellan Lutz is set to become the new face of Calvin Klein. The Twilight Saga: New Moon actor is reportedly being lined up to pose in his underwear for the fashion house. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Everyone's dancing to Indian pop beat

Music more common on albums of favourite artists, and also responsible for success of Desi Hits website

Twenty years ago, Indian pop was weirdly exotic. Not so anymore. Today artists like Jay-Z and Missy Elliot sound "Indian" and even Britney Spears has an Indian producer.

When Jay Sean burst on the music scene several years ago, he was labeled an Indian artist.

'I think of myself simply as an R&B artist," the native Londoner tells Metro.

"But just because vou're Indian, people put you in a pigeonhole, and it's very hard to leave that pigeon-



Desi Hits founder Anjula Acharia-Bath

"I think of myself simply as an R&B artist. Just because you're Indian. people put you in a pigeonhole, and it's very hard to leave that pigeonhole."

Jay Sean

But Jay Sean - born Kamaljeet Singh Jhooti — has succeeded. His 2004 debut album sold two million copies; this year his U.S. debut single topped the Billboard Hot 100.

Slumdog Millionaire showed that Indian pop culture has crossover appeal. So does the Internet website Desi Hits (desi-hits.com), which has risen to prominence along with

Jay Sean. "Slumdog has had a huge impact on people's interest in Indian pop and rock, especially since music played such an impor-tant role in it," says Desi founder Anjula Acharia-Bath.

"So many artists, like M.I.A., Timbaland and the Black-Eyed Peas use Indian music, but people didn't know it was Indian until they watched Slumdog.

Acharia-Bath, a young British woman of Indian origin, founded Desi Hits after moving to the U.S. several years ago, and has

fast become an entertainment power-broker known for making matches between A-list fashion producers, musicians, actors and artists.

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Desi Hits now has 1.2 million unique visitors per month, a 300-perincrease one year ago.

Sean lives in New York, but he often visits his parents' home region of Punjab.

'India has all these musical events going on,' he says. "But the Jay Sean, 26-year-old British-Indian R&B celebrity, is now a worldwide success.

> mainstream media doesn't cover them. There are lots of great festivals with 80,000 kids listening to a

side India hears about it. The funny thing is, the music isn't that different,"

concert, but nobody out-

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres. according to The Associated

Avatar: \$73 million US

The Princess and the Frog: \$12.2 million

The Blind Side:

Did You Hear About the

Morgans: \$7 million

The Twilight Saga: New Moon:

\$4.4 million

\$4.2 million

Disney's A Christmas Carol: \$3.4 million

Up in the Air: \$3.1 million

\$2.6 million

Old Dogs:

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Up-and-coming music of Indian origin

 Kazz Kumar (kazzkumar. com): The first lady of the Sona Family group has decided to go solo and revamp her image. She is very Lady Gagalike in her sound and look.

Imran Khan (imrankhanworld.com): His debut album

Unforgettable was the biggest selling urban Desi Hits album of the year.

Jaya (jayaworld.com): Just signed to All Around the World, a sub-label of Universal Records. Releasing her first single Dj Do It Again soon.

Maci Bookout, 17, stars with her son Bentley on MTV's new reality show Teen Mom

Guts and glory behind Teen Mom

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wood's lunch with a friend keeps getting interrupted by a crying baby. The problem is, the baby is Amber's. She packs up and leaves the restaurant be-

all in a day's work for the 19-year-old and her co-stars on MTV's new reality show, Teen Mom (airing Tuesday nights). The show

rated series on the network in more than a year.

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The girls on the show aren't strangers to cameras they were also on MTV's 16 and Pregnant, which aired last summer. Teen Mom revisits the young mothers several months after giving birth.

"I really just wanted to show girls how hard it was to be a teen parent," says Maci Bookout, 17, of her decision to let her experience be filmed for TV.

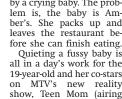
Bookout was a popular high-school student with good grades and plans to go to college.

"I wanted girls who might get pregnant to see there are options out there to move forward with your life and still have goals," says Bookout, who plans to marry her baby's father

and would like to have another child.

Not all the women on Teen Mom chose to keep their babies. Catelynn Lowell, 17, for example, gave her daughter up for adoption last May.
"It was difficult because

that's my daughter. . . . I knew in my heart it was the best (decision) so I just went forward with it," she THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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A journey of uncertainty



Pilgrims

Author: Garrison Keillor Publisher: Faber & Faber Price: \$24 (Paperback)

SET IN LAKE Wobegon, the town noted American radio personality Garrison Keillor put on the map in his past works Lake Wobegon Days and Lake Wobegon Summer 1956.

BookPicks

Pilgrims arrives at a point of un-

certainty in Margie and Carl Krebsbach's relationship. In her attempt to conquer their sexual drought, Margie plans a trip to Rome under the pretense of tidying the unkempt grave of a local boy who died there during the city's 1944 liberation. But her travel plans are grounded when a host of colourful locals warm to the idea and want to tag along, foiling her chances for the personal connection she wanted.



A Good Fall

Author: Ha Jin
Publisher: Pantheon
Price: \$29.95 (Hardcover)

IN HIS LATEST collection of stories, Chinese author Ha Jin enters the immigrant experience, focusing on Chinese characters in America and their feelings

their feelings of being torn between two national identities. Children as Enemies

follows young people inclined to change their names to appear more "American", to the upset of their grandfather. Immigrants unable to bring their husbands or wives to America are central to In Temporary Love, a story that explores the connection of the divided. Jin's stories are told with precision and passion, presenting stories that hone in on intimate feelings and distress.



A Week in **December**

Author: Sebastian Faulks
Publisher: Hutchinson
Price: \$34.95 (Hardcover)

BRITISH WRITER Sebastian Faulks tries to decongest metropolitan English life in his latest novel, A Week in December The story is made even more critical by its air of "faction," a work masking real characters and events with fiction. The comical book unfolds during one week in December 2007, and follows a party planning by an MP and his wife. The invited guests who include high finance heads, a journalist and a football player — bring their stories to the pages. They tie together themes like greed and religious fundamentalism. contrasted with the global financial cri-

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FILM Captain EO is moonwalking back to Disneyland. The theme park announced plans Friday to bring back the 3-D scifi film starring Michael Jackson next February, over 23 years after the attraction debuted in Anaheim, Calif. The 17-minute film starred the late King of Pop as a singing-and-dancing intergalactic commander.

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Snow 2 Brain Freeze
Some of the "new Santa" movies of recent years — such as
"The Santa Clause" — have
been tolerable, but this universe, first seen in 2004's
"Snow," pushes the limits of
what those of us raised on the

Snow," pushes the limits of what those of us raised on the raditional Santa lore can swalow. In this sequel, the jolly not-bool elf elges amnesia three days before Christmas, and it's up to his lovely Mrs. to save the Jay, Yawn. 8 PM on 43 CMT



ve's Christmas he "It's a Wonderful Life"

The its a womenth like story gets a different twist in this holiday drama. A successful but lonely advertising executive wishes she could change some things in her past. And guess what; it's Christmas Eve, a night for wishes coming true. 9 PM on 62 W

The Big Bang Theory

The holidays aren't very merry for Leonard when a handsome colleague begins dating Penny, while Sheldon drives everyone nuts trying to master the nuances of gift-giving etiquette. Simon Helberg co-stars in "The Bath Item Gift Hypothesis." 9:31 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV 104 CTV

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Tina Knowles filed for divorce from Mathew Knowles in November, a source close to the showbiz family confirms to usmagazine.com recently. The parents to Beyonce and Solange Knowles have been married for 29 years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Pattinson and Stewart spotted in Venice Beach

DINING OUT Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart failed to go unnoticed recently when they headed out to enjoy a nice dinner together in Los Angeles' Venice Beach neighborhood.

'It looked like they were on a nice stroll through the neighborhood," a source tells E! News. "They seemed really just into hanging together. They weren't holding hands but were really sweet with each other.'

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Jonas brother Kevin gets hitched at swanky estate

ting fit for a Disney prince and his princess, Kevin Jonas married Danielle Deleasa Saturday night at Oheka Castle, a turn-ofthe-century French-style chateau, on a sprawling estate in Long Island, people.com reports.

"We're so happy that we're finally married and we were able to share the special moment with family, friends and loved ones." the couple tells People.

Though a blizzard threatened the festivities, blizzard the wedding attended by 400 family members and friends, including Demi Lovato, went forward as scheduled.

'The snow only made it look more like a winter wonderland," said Michael Russo, a celebrity event planner of Roses-n-Lollipops, who for Saturday's event created a fairytale forest under heated

white tents, complete with 14-foot trees draped in hydrangeas and crystals made to look like icicles.

"Danielle looked like a princess," he said. When she walked down the aisle in her strapless tulle and Chan-tilly lace Vera

gown, Wang "Kevin couldn't stop smiling,' said Russo.

With his brothers, Joe and Nick serving as his best men, Kevin, 22, and Danielle, 23, recited traditional and vows

changed Jacob & Co. wedding bands they designed for one ansaid

"Kevin has many times he feels like he met his princess," says Russo. "To see them together vou can feel the warmth and the love all around them. They are just perfect

for each other.

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Michael Lohan wants better pals for Lindsay

BECAUSE HE HAS SET SUCH A STELLAR EXAMPLE Michael Lohan hopes that a higher class of friends is just the thing daughter Lindsay Lohan needs to keep her on the straight and narrow. So Lindsay being spotted last week at the same party as Leonardo DiCaprio is a good thing, he tells Hollyscoop.

"They have been friends for years," Michael says. "Mark Wahlberg, Robert Downey Jr., Leonardo DiCaprio and a few others. I think they have a lot of positive things to offer." METRO WORLD NEWS



Celebrity tweets

Knowles' parents file for divorce

Stan Lee likes to brag, Jordin Sparks is not enjoying winter, Joel McHale gives you detailed updates, and Russell Simmons is aiming high-

@smilinstanlee So far I've tak-

en pix with 3 presidents, Clinton, Reagan and Bush. I often wonder how this country could ever have run without me.

@TheRealJordin I hate the cold. And I have a cold. Ha. A cold in the cold. Great. Soup timel

@ioelmchale There's a woman placing Korean food in front of me right now. **@UncleRUSH** Yogis believe

the ultimate payoff "heaven"can be realized on earth. This enlightenment is your birthrite



Water park upsets neighbours

HER PARK WILL GO ON Celine Dion has upset neighbours over plans to build a water park in her home, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 41year-old singer has report-edly enraged local resi-

dents who are less impressedwith her vision for the new addition to her \$12.5 million property. A source said: "TL

will be two giant pools, several waterslides and a lazy river. much like an

amusement park." While Dion's eight-year-old son Rene-Charles and the rest of her extended family might be happy, some of the neighbours have made

it quite clear they're not happy with her A local resident told the

> National Enquirer magazine: "It's totaltasteful deand means the whole area.'

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Divorce papers filed

SPLITSVILLE Three months di Glanville (Cibrian and after announcing their

separation, Deane Sheremet has filed for divorce from country star LeAnn Rimes, according to Los Angeles court papers people.com reports.

Sheremet cites "irreconcilable differ-ences" for the end of their nearly eight-year marriage, which crumbled when Rimes began a relationship with actor Eddie Cibrian, who also was married at

the time to Bran-

Glanville are also divorcing.)

Sheremet, 29, is seeking support spousal from Rimes, 27, and wants her to pay he attorney fees, accord-ing to the the papers, which were filed

Thursday in Superior Court. The pair have no children. WORLD

Jacko tribute scrapped

ONCE AGAIN Jermaine Jackson's global tribute to his late brother Michael has been scrapped for the second time, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Organizers at Awards Media, led by the King of Pop's older brother cancelled a Vienna. Austri, concert in September after struggling to secure stars to per-form at the event. The show was rescheduled for London next

The latconter cert appeared to be in trouble after

summer.

tive decision to dissolve the company behind the was made last project month. Martin Schneider, liquidator for the organizers, said: "The company cannot sign any new con-

tracts and will certainly not plan any new events' Now Jermaine Jackson has declined to forge ahead with the show, which was to initially feature Mary J.

Blige, Chris Brown and veteran singer talie

Cole. METRO WORLD NEWS

Amy, Blake try again

Regardless of what their parents have been saying, Amy Wine-house and Blake Fielder-Civil are apparently giving marriage another go.

We're back together, and we're engaged. Amy and I have talked about getting married again and starting a family — we both definitely want kids," Fielder-Civil tells the Sun.

"This time we are doing things properly and hopefully that will help both our families come round to

the idea. We've both been through a lot but we love each other the

same as ever. We've tried to get on with our lives and to see other people, but it wasn't the METRO WORLD

SOMEONE NEEDS WORK Kevin Federline lost out on a role in the latest American Pie movie - playing himself. people.com reports.

"They called me up and asked if I was interested," Federline, 31, tells People. "I was up for a different part originally, but then they didn't want me playing myself. I think they thought it would be funnier for me

as a Canadian border guard."

One day of shooting on location in Vancouver later, Federline was transformed, donning a hat, uniform and badge for his cameo in American Pie Presents: The Book of Love, out on DVD tomorrow.

Newly svelte from his appearance on Celebrity Fit Club, Federline is







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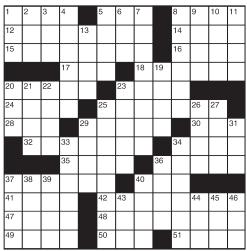
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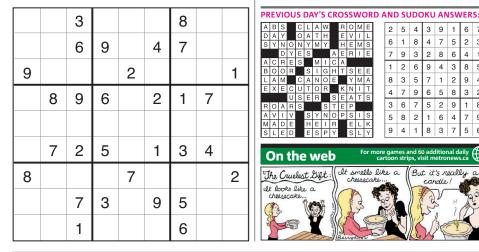
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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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suffix 51 Danson et al.

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6 Compass point suffix

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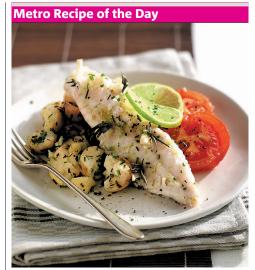
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But it's really a

cardle!

Take Five



Baked Rosemary Monkfish

INGREDIENTS

1 Tbsp (15 mL) olive oil Two 1/2 lb (250 g) monkfish fillets (membrane removed) 2 garlic cloves, quartered 2 fresh rosemary sprigs, broken up 1 lime 2 Tbsp (25 mL) butter 4 tomatoes, halved

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Cut two pieces of foil, each large enough to enclose a piece of monkfish. Brush foil with a little oil.

2. Put one monkfish fillet on each piece of foil. Make small slits all over fish. Push garlic pieces and rosemary sprigs into slits. 3. Grate lime zest over fish. Trim off lime ends, then cut into four thick

slices. Squeeze some drops of lime juice over fish, then lay slices on top of fillets. Dot with butter and season to taste.

4. Put tomatoes, cut side up, alongside fish. Fold up foil to enclose fish and tomatoes and seal edges. 5. Put parcels on baking tray and bake 10 minutes. Open foil and bake until fish is opaque and cooked through. Test with point of knife. Cut each piece of fish in half and transfer to plates with tomatoes. Pour over juices from parcels and serve.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional info mation on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 You will totally disagree with what you are told today. You can't take seriously something that is so outrageous.

LIBRA **SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Is something you thought was as real as it comes an illusion after all? That is the question you will be asking yourself to-day.

TAURUS

According to the planets you are expecting too much of yourself and must adjust your ambitions to a more reasonable level

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Listen to what others have to tell you today but don't think you have to think or do as they

GEMINI

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 (Π) MAY 22-JUNE 21 Don't waste time on petty arguments. You should be channeling your energy in productive directions, not debating issues of no real importance.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

With Jupiter, your ruler, aspecting Neptune, planet of illusion, today you will find it hard to make up your mind about what you should be doing.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 You will have to make some kind of financial adjustment over the next 24 hours, most likely because you have bitten off more than you can chew.

CAPRICORN

You will have some wonderful ideas and insights as the new week begins but don't be too eager to put them to the test because this is a time for thinking.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

If you embellish the truth in any way, shape or form you will almost certainly be found out - and that could be embarrassing later in the week.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign means there will be so much going on in vour world that you find it hard to get your head around it.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Try not to provoke an argument or confrontation today because it is unlikely to go in

your favor.

FEB 19-MARCH 20

PISCES

Try not to take your doubts and fears too seriously – they are no more than negative manifestations of your over-active imagi-

This day in history

1913: Arthur Wynne's "word-cross", the first crossword puzzle, is published in the New York World.

1937: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first full-length animated film ever, premieres at the Carthay Circle Theater. 1958: French presidential election: Charles de Gaulle is elected President of France as his Union des Démocrates pour la République party gain 78.5% of the vote.

1968: Apollo program: Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, is launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. 1969: The Gay Activists Alliance is formed in New York City.

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